

# CIA admits burglaries abroad

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WASHINGTON — The CIA got information about certain Americans living abroad through burglaries at their homes or offices in other countries, CIA Director George Bush said in an affidavit made public yesterday.

It was not clear from the affidavit whether CIA agents had conducted the burglaries, and the CIA had no immediate comment.

Bush's sworn statement was filed in U. S. District Court in New York in connection with the Socialist Workers Party's multimillion-dollar lawsuit against the government intelligence agencies. The party is seeking damages for allegedly illegal harassment of political activities.

Asked about the contents of the affidavit, the party's presidential candidate, Leter Camejo, criticized the intelligence-gathering tactics.

"American citizens don't forfeit their constitutional rights when they cross the borders of the United States," he said. "These actions by the CIA are absolutely illegal."

The Political Rights Defense Fund, which is financing the party's lawsuit, released the Bush affidavit and said it showed that CIA agents had "burglarized the apartments of American citizens living abroad and may be continuing to do so."

In the affidavit, dated July 1, Bush said that CIA files showed that information "was acquired as a result of several surreptitious entries that were made into premises abroad as

to which certain (party members) had regular access or may have had a proprietary interest."

The CIA director also said agency files "do contain information indicating that conversations of certain (party members) were overheard by means of electronic surveillance conducted abroad."

Bush provided no details about the number or dates of the burglaries and wiretapping.

He did not specifically state whether CIA agents had conducted the overseas operations. But he said CIA files "do not contain any information indicating that (the party and its members) have been the subject of electronic surveillance conducted by the CIA in the United States."

The defense fund said Bush's refusal to list the dates of the burglaries and wiretapping "raises the likelihood of very recent or continuing use of these tactics."

Party officials believe that "if these methods had been discontinued some time ago, this information probably would have been included in the affidavit," the defense fund statement said.

The CIA is fighting efforts by party attorneys to obtain details of the burglaries and wiretapping.

In the affidavit, Bush said he had given the court a second statement, classified top secret, which provides more information about the break-ins and electronic surveillance. He said that the material included state secrets which he does not have to make public.